

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Item Summary**

MEETING DATE: **OCTOBER 10, 2006**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 18

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Amend Section 7-101 of the City Code Dealing With The Confinement
Of An Animal Which Has Been Bitten By A Rabid Animal**

RECOMMENDATION: Amend Section 7-101 so the provisions in the City Code will be consistent with the language in the State Code.

SUMMARY: Section 7-101 of the City Code provides that when an animal that has been previously vaccinated against rabies is bitten by a rabid animal it must be confined on the premises of the owner for 30 days. When Section 7-101 was adopted it paralleled the language of the State Code. The State Code has been amended to require that an animal that is bitten by a rabid animal must be confined on the premises of the owner for 45 days. The City Code needs to be amended so it will be consistent with the provisions of the State Code.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Section 7-101 was last amended in 1979.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Walter C. Erwin, 455-3973

ATTACHMENT(S): An ordinance amending Section 7-101.

REVIEWED BY: lkp

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 7-101. DESTRUCTION, ISOLATION OF BITTEN ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, 1981, THE AMENDED SECTION RELATING TO THE CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS THAT HAVE BEEN BITTEN BY A RABID ANIMAL.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG:

1. That Section 7-101 of the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, be and the same is hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

Sec. 7-101. Destruction, isolation of bitten animals.

Animals bitten by a known rabid animal shall be immediately destroyed, or if the owner is unwilling to destroy the exposed animal, strict isolation of the animal in a kennel, designated by the director of health, at the expense of the owner, for six (6) months shall be enforced. If the animal has been previously vaccinated, it shall be revaccinated immediately following the bite and shall be confined to the premises of the owner, or other site as may be approved by the health department for a period of forty-five (45) days. within time limits established by the public health service based on the kind of vaccination used, revaccination and restraint (leashing and confinement) for thirty (30) days shall be carried out.

2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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